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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

13 January 1961

Dear Rafe,

It was good to hear from you and to have your observations of a subject which is of great interest to all of us in the Navy.

The information which you pass on from John Nicholas Brown gibes closely with comment we have heard here at the seat of government. It is particularly encouraging that it does come from more than one direction. The Navy cannot, of course, afford to become complacent but must continue to uphold the principles in which it has always believed. However, it is reassuring to know that people in high positions share the Navy's desire to promote what is best for the country and will not be influenced to take important action for lesser reasons.

We have challenging days ahead but the vital contributions which the Navy can make to our national effort will be ever more clearly recognized. One of the heartening aspects of my job is the knowledge that our fine officers who are no longer on active duty retain their active interest in the Navy's affairs and are anxious to help explain the important part it must play in our country's existence.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Very sincerely,

ARLEIGH BURKE

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN(Ret.)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

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JOHN NICHOLAS BROWN
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

January 26, 1961

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates,
12 Mt. Vernon Street,
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Rafe:

Thanks for yours of Tuesday. I
enclose a letter from Dr. Wriston to me
which I think is helpful. Do go and see
him.

Yours in haste,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JNB', written in a cursive style.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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27 January 1961

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
12 Mount Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

Snow, an extremely busy sequence of events and other things have delayed my answering your letter of 13 January. The arrival of your latest one written Tuesday stimulates me to get off a quick note. It appears to me that Mr. Barnett may be one of those people who are more filled with blarney than results. It also appears to me that all of his advice has been merely delaying action of the "form a committee" type. This gets you off his neck for a time but gets no results.

I of course know John Nicholas Brown well and I am delighted that he has taken a hand. Incidentally, give him my best regards.

I don't believe you need another letter signed by me as Mr. Barnett recommended. You have copies of the letters I wrote both to him and to Mr. Weeks. I believe these can be used most effectively especially the letter I wrote to Mr. Weeks since it was written at his request. Everybody knows him or knows about him.

I will be interesting in hearing the results of your New York trip.

All the best.

E. M. Eller
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Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, (Ret.)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

This will confirm our telephone conversation and is in answer to your letter of December 28th.

I think the first step for you to take now is to re-establish your contact with Dr. Henry Wriston and get from him the names of people in the large foundations -- such as Jim Perkins of the Carnegie Endowment. Dr. Wriston is a most influential person in foundation circles and that would be the finest entree.

In the meantime, I will do what little I can to start inquiries into other quarters. However, I have no contacts or entrees into the largest foundations which are the natural source of funds for the project you have in mind.

It was certainly a privilege to meet you as I have long been an admirer of your splendid work.

Sincerely,

Frank Barnett

Frank R. Barnett
Program Director
(Director of Research
The Richardson Foundation
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New York 17, New York)

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January 31, 1961

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport
Rhode Island

Dear Batsie:

Thank you ever so much for the really nice, warm and thoughtful letter, which I read and reread.

I hope all the nice things you said are correct. And I must say that I agree with you one hundred per cent concerning the validity of Admiral Burke's remark.

It is always nice to see you or hear from you.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,



Claiborne Pell

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JOHN J. BERGEN
REAR ADMIRAL, USNR (RET)
410 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

8 February 1961

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
12 Mt. Vernon street
Newport, R. I.

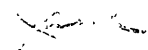
Dear Rafe:

This is the first opportunity I have had in a long time to really dig in and bring up to date some paper work which has been so badly neglected -- certainly not intentionally but because I have been away from the office almost constantly for the past six weeks.

I do want you to know that I am always glad to see you and visit with you, not only as an old and valued friend but also I enjoy your enthusiasm for the Navy and your earnest desire to see to it that the war in the Pacific is accurately recorded. I know that you were terribly disturbed and disappointed when the War College decided that the Budget would not permit you and your organization to finalize the mission assigned to you. However, I honestly believe that sooner or later one or more Foundations will see the light and make it possible for you to complete the job.

All the best to you, Rafe.

Sincerely,


John J. Bergen

P.S. I enclose check for \$24. for the four tickets you sent down for the Army-Navy game and which I was very happy to receive. My apologies for the delay in getting the check to you.

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ROBERT H. BARNUM
SEVENTY-ONE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

February 14, 1961

Dear Rofe:

Thanks for your very complete letter of February 10th, which I have passed along to Dr. W. H. Turner, Executive Director of the United States Steel Foundation.

I hope to discuss this further with Dr. Turner during the next week.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



RADM R. W. Bates, (Ret.)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

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16 February 1961

Mr. Hugh Bullock
Calvin Bullock, Ltd.
One Wall Street
New York 5, New York

My dear Hugh:

Perhaps you can offer a helpful suggestion concerning a project which I believe to have merit. At least I can ask.

A retired Rear Admiral by the name of Richard Bates has been working for some years on a very detailed history of the far-flung operations which took place in connection with the occupation of the Leyte-Samar area by our forces in 1944. For a considerable period of time he was kept on active duty, although retired, to pursue his project. Working in conjunction with the Naval War College, the Navy Department, and other informed and interested agencies and individuals, he did meticulous research, and put it together objectively, to the end that as far as he was able to go on the history of this tremendous operation he had compiled a thorough and factual report.

Then, for administrative reasons determined by the Navy Department, it was decided that he could no longer be kept on active duty and he was returned to the retired list. Consequently, the project languished without the official support which he could command previously.

(Incidentally, I have made efforts to get this project rolling again through the medium of Bates' return to active duty, but the Navy Department has not seen its way clear to do so.)

Bates has a feeling of urgency about this project - and I, too, feel that it will never be done within the lifetime of major participants unless a way is found to permit Bates to pick up where he left off. He is now looking into the possibility of obtaining

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support from some Foundation and tells me that he has been in contact with the Carnegie, Rockefeller, Rockefeller Brothers, Ford, U. S. Steel and Worthington Foundations. He informs me that Rockefeller considers the matter outside of their field and that Carnegie takes the view that this is something which the Government should do (which is beside the point).

That is the situation. Have you any suggestions which might be helpful? Or would you be in a position to put in a plug for a grant if the request were sufficiently and satisfactorily documented? In any event, your views are certain to be helpful and I would very much appreciate having them.

All best regards.

As ever,



ROBT. B. CARNEY
Admiral, USN (Ret.)

Copy to: Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)

RBC:rw

P. S. to Admiral Bates:

With respect to your thoughts about Westinghouse, General Electric and General Dynamics, my guess would be "negative". Such companies do have special funds for research and fellowship work, but in addition to the stimulation of scientific and business education which would be of tangible benefit, they are also plagued by requests for contribution to institutions of learning in every area where they have subsidiaries and divisions. From what little I know of the Westinghouse situation, I would not feel justified in going to them myself, and I would be very much surprised if a request would meet with success.



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Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
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Office of the Director

February 23, 1961

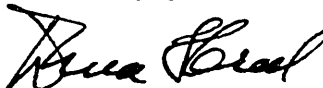
Dear Admiral Bates:

Thank you for your letter of February 10th, raising the possibility of an appointment to discuss your plans for completing the remaining volumes of the Battle Evaluation Group's work on the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

Your thought in writing is appreciated, and because of the important considerations you mention, I regret that the situation as outlined does not appear to be one in which the Fund could be helpful. As is the case with most foundations, the Fund necessarily places certain limits on the nature of its activities, and its program as a general rule does not extend to support of projects in the field of historical research, whether undertaken by organizations or individuals.

Under the circumstances, we are sure you will understand our asking to be excused from arranging the conference you suggest since we would not be in a position to furnish the kind of information that could be of assistance in meeting the objectives you have in mind.

Sincerely yours,



Dana S. Creel

Admiral Richard W. Bates, U.S.N.(Ret.)
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Newport, Rhode Island

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CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK

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LLOYD N. MORRISETT
Executive Assistant

February 23, 1961

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret)
12 Mt. Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

Early in February we discussed your project to record and analyze naval operations in the Pacific during the last war. Mr. Perkins has recently returned to the office, and I have had a chance to discuss your project with him. I am sorry to have to report that there is no chance that Carnegie Corporation will be able to offer support for this work.

As I explained when we talked, educational foundations receive many more proposals than can be supported. In recent years our trustees have encouraged us to restrict our efforts to a few selected fields at any one time. Your project is outside those fields which we are currently supporting.

I understand your dedication to this work and am sure this result will disappoint you. However, I trust that you will find other ways to finish this valuable project.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd N. Morissett

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